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inserted into a patient, said CO<sub>2</sub> detecting machine for detecting and determining the amount of ambient or respiration CO<sub>2</sub>.

Please add the following new claim:

16. A fixture for connection to the proximal end of a feeding tube, said fixture comprising a bifurcated body presenting first and second tubular legs, said first leg having a connection end adapted for attachment to said proximal end to form a continuation thereof, said second leg in communication with the first leg and including at least one intermediate coupling member adapted for connection with a CO<sub>2</sub> detecting machine, said fixture further including a guide wire extending through said first leg and feeding tube, there being a guide wire mount removably secured to an end of said first leg remote from said connection end.